GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RETIRED SPORTS PERSONS
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR;SHASHI KUMAR

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports persons identified by the Government who played for India in national and international events and are presently living in very pathetic condition, State-wise;

(b) the action taken by the Government for their welfare; and

(c) the number of persons rehabilitated so far, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports runs the Scheme : National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons whereunder, a pension up to Rs.2500/- p.m., and lump sum financial assistance of up to Rs.40,000/- can be sanctioned to the outstanding national and international players, placed in indigent circumstances, i.e. whose monthly income, from all sources, is less than Rs.3,000/-. The state-wise number of sportspersons, presently receiving pensions, under the scheme, is as given below:

Names of State	No. of Sportspersons in receipt of Welfare Pension
Andhra Pradesh	6
Delhi	1
Gujarat	1
Karnataka	10
Kerala	13
Madhya Pradesh	1
Maharashtra	3
Orissa	6
Punjab	1
Tamil Nadu	2
Uttar Pradesh	1
West Bengal.	3
Total:	48

(c) There is no Government scheme for rehabilitation of sportspersons.